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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

PRUSSIANISM IN INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

To be Fought with Whole Nation's Might.

London, February 11.
The Premier, continuing his speech in the House of Commons, declared that he did not fear unemployment if they acted rationally. There were great arrears in shipbuilding and railway construction and in the textile, furniture and building trades to be made up. Consequently, there was no danger of unemployment, provided, firstly, confidence was given to those responsible for re-starting the wheels of industry. Furthermore, absence of confidence breeds upheavals, which create, aggravate and perpetuate unemployment. If the cost of production goes so high that the purchasing capacity of the community is reduced, or we are thrown out from the world's markets, disastrous unemployment must ensue, and both will happen if the cost of production is too high. Therefore one trade cannot be considered without reference to the remainder. For instance a great increase in the price of coal might destroy our chance of re-starting industries.

Proceeding, the Premier elaborated the argument that increased costs are inevitably passed on to another industry, eventually reaching a stage where an industry is crushed, spelling unemployment for someone. Every section of the community should remember this when making new demands. Reducing hours while maintaining wages was one way of making unemployment. (Cheers and cries of dissent.)

The Premier said increased prices diminished on the individual's purchasing capacity while a diminished purchasing capacity would create unemployment and destroy our Overseas trade upon which the country was more dependent than any other country in the world. Bolshevik Russia had fittingly illustrated this. Workers there were earning sumptuous wages and seemed at last to be coming into their own, but when a workman took a fiver to a shop he could not buy what 18d. bought in Great Britain.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Government were already taking gigantic steps to prepare a housing programme, ordering material on the largest scale, thus providing employment. The development of ways and communications, afforestation and land settlement would do likewise, while enriching the country. He deprecated the recent attempts to undermine confidence in Trade Unionism, causing indiscipline and making collective bargaining impossible. That way anarchy lay, which was the goal these men desired. Any demands advanced with a view to removing legitimate grievances the Government would examine carefully, but as to demands pressed with ulterior motives to hold up the community, overthrow existing order, or destroy good government, and relying on brute force, he would say, on behalf of the Government, with all solemnity, that they were determined to fight Prussianism in the industrial world exactly as they fought it on the Continent, namely, with the whole might of the nation. (Interruption.)

Mr. Adamson—Employers as well?

Mr. Lloyd George—Employers or employees. Continuing, the Premier said the first necessity was peace. There would be no settlement in the world until peace was secured.

GRATUITIES FOR THE NAVY.

A GENEROUS DISTRIBUTION.

London, February 12.
The Admiralty announces gratuities to the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines ranging from £720 to £200 for Admirals, and £140 to £20 for other officers for the first year's service, with increments ranging from £3 to 10s. for each additional month's service.

The officers of the Naval and Volunteer Reserve receive a gratuity of a hundred days' pay for the first year's service, and fifty days' each for subsequent year.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. F.C. Jenkin, C.B.E., state—

GOOD SERVICE MEDALS.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to award the Police Reserve Good Service Medal to the following:—

1. Chief Inspector Mason, M.C. (on Active Service).
2. Staff Inspector J.C. Wildin.
3. Staff Inspector R.G. McEwen.
4. Accountant A. Balean.
5. Staff Inspector B.W. Tape.
6. Musketry Inspector Fisher.
- Inspector F.A.V. Ribeiro.
- Inspector U. Hew Fan.
- Cr. Sergt. 41 Pun Yun Fong.
- Cr. Sergt. 545 C.M. Castro.
- Cr. Sergt. 657 Faithfull.
- Sergt. 543 M. Baptista.
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- P.C. 707 E.J. Noronha.

General Order No. 8 of 1919 also states that His Excellency has been pleased to grant the Police Reserve Good Service Medal to P.C. 161 Leung Cheung, who has been commended on three occasions since August, 1918, for meritorious conduct.

INSPECTION.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will inspect the Police Reserve at 3.45 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday, February 15th) on the Murray Parade Ground.

Blue uniform, helmets with spikes, belts and rifles. Fall in at H.K.D.C. Headquarters at 3 p.m. sharp. All General and Total Exempts to attend. No. 2 Company will parade at 2.40 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND INSPECTORS.

Will attend at H.K.D.C. Headquarters ground at 2.15 p.m.

PARADE REPORTS.

The sending of Weekly Parade Reports (Form No. 10) is discontinued until further orders.

JUDGE ON SOCIETY MANNERS.

When counsel suggested in court recently that there were few people who had not at some time or another, when invited out to dinner, pleaded a previous engagement, Mr. Justice Scrutton rejoined, "Or wired 'Previous engagement, lie follows by post!'" (Laughter.) Counsel said he believed it was true that a learned judge had been known to send such a message.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po Service)

Shanghai, Feb. 13.
Interned prisoners and enemy subjects from outposts to form the first instalment of those to be deported, are ordered to be ready at Shanghai on the 28th inst. for deportation.

China and Japan propose to publish all secret agreements at the same time.
The Foreign Department proposes Lien Sai-kung, Lo Chong, Ng Wong and Tam Hok-chu as Consuls General for Paris, London, Singapore and Honolulu respectively.

Shan Ming-yuen has demanded that the Cabinet shall publish all secret agreements and cancel all preliminary agreements of which the final agreements are not yet negotiated or signed.

The Japanese banks urge immediate negotiations on the terms of the final agreements for the four railway loans.

Under Japan's pressure, Peking has issued a notification forbidding newspapers further to comment on Japan's threats.

Hung Hsiao-chun has proclaimed himself Szachuen Tuchun.

Tong Shiu-yu has wired to the President protesting against further movements of Northern troops in Shensi. He has also telegraphed Sir John Jordan requesting the Foreign Ministers to put a stoppage to such troops' movements by the Kin-Han and Pien-Lok Railways.

DAY BY DAY.

Professor Sklarevski and M. Sykora have left for Manila.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the Victory Ball, to be given by the Engineers' Institute, this evening, at the City Hall. The decorations have been carried out in a most artistic manner, and everything has been done to make the function a great success.

Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning heard arguments in the case in which Amelia d'Almeida, a Portuguese woman, was sentenced yesterday, as already reported, to nine months' rigorous imprisonment for returning from banishment. Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared and after a lengthy discussion Mr. Lindell reduced the sentence to six months.

The Canton Times has been informed that Mr. H. Y. Loo, M. A. Cxon Barrister-at-law, has been instructed by the Bureau of Liquidation of the Deutsche Asiatische Bank in Shanghai, upon receipt of instructions from Peking, to file petition in the Local Court of Justice against a number of German debtors for overdrawn from the said Bank the sum of more than \$370,000 with interest.

Peakites play poker and bridge, whilst the Chinese employed by them indulge in fan-tan. The No. 1 "boy" of Mr. H.S. Bennett invited ten of his friends over to the servants' quarter in 5, The Peak, to a gambling party. Getting wind of this, Sergeant Cashman invited some Chinese detectives to raid the place and arrested the whole lot. He found dice and dominoes distributed on a mat on a bed, and also 95 cents. The gamblers told Mr. J. R. Wood this morning that they only played for fun, whereupon Sergeant Cashman said the gamblers were outsiders. Two of the men were inveterate gamblers, having been fined previously. Mr. Wood asked them to pay a dollar each into the Police Box.

WEDDING IN HONGKONG.

MR. A.C. MAUGHAN—MISS McCUTCHEON.

An interesting wedding took place this morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Andrew Clarke Maughan, of Shanghai, and Miss Margaret Lillie McCutcheon, of Glasgow, Scotland. The bride, who was attended by Misses Cathie and Nora Russell, as bridesmaids, was attired in a gown of ivory satin with shell pink nines and shadow lace, and she wore a veil of white silk net and a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and sweet peas of the same colour. The bridesmaids wore dresses of white silk and fillet lace, and they carried baskets of pink roses and sweet peas. Captain W. Russell, H.K.D.C., gave the bride away, while Mr. J. Maughan was the "best man." The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel at which Mrs. Russell was the hostess. She wore a dress of mole satin, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of pink flowers. The honeymoon is to be spent in Japan, the bride's going-away dress being of caudal serge, with a white leghorn hat trimmed with pink; and white fox fur.

GOLF.

A FOUR-BALL COMPETITION.

Mr. H. J. Gedge has kindly offered to present a silver cup for a Hong four-ball Competition to be competed for under the following conditions:—

To be played as a knock-out tournament by four-ball matches over the main course at Fanning. Scoring to be on the American plan, i.e. one point for the best ball, and one for the lower aggregate score of the two players of each side, at each hole.

Competitors (all of whom must be members of or subscribers to the Club) to enter in couples, both must belong to the same Hong (or Government Department, Regiment, etc.) Any number of couples belonging to the same Hong etc. may enter. Handicaps to be arranged by special Sub-Committee to be appointed for the purposes.

Entries may be made at Happy Valley, Fanning or to the Hon. Secretary. Entries to close 28th inst.

All disputes to be referred to the above Sub-Committee whose decision shall be final.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The winner of the February round for this Cup was F. Maitland with a score of 93-11=82 net.

DESECRATED GRAVES.

The Secretary of the War Office regrets to announce that a telegraphic report has been received that the cemeteries on the Gallipoli Peninsula have in many cases been grievously molested and desecrated by the Turks. A detailed report has been asked for, and on receipt of this an explanation will be demanded from the Turkish Government, who have previously given frequent assurances that the graves and cemeteries on the peninsula should be carefully safeguarded. Meanwhile, immediate steps are being taken to rectify matters by the Graves Registration Unit, composed of British, Australian, and New Zealand officers, which landed on the peninsula on November 10.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO.

QUESTIONS FOR TO-MORROW'S MEETING

Mr. J. M. Alves, a shareholder in the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., has given notice of his intention to ask the following questions at to-morrow's meeting of shareholders:—

ON THE BALANCE SHEET.

1. Will the Directors be good enough to state clearly and separately:—

(a) The amount of the book values of such properties as are fully developed?

(b) The book values of such properties as are not developed or only partly developed?

2. Does the amount of \$180,702.55 for rent include any rent on undeveloped properties? If so, please state how much.

3. Has a proper valuation of the Company's properties ever been made? If so, please state when and by whom and what was the valuation given for?

(a) The Company's developed properties.

(b) The Company's undeveloped properties.

4. Will the Directors adopt the practice of having a valuation of the Company's properties made at least once in every two years and cause such valuation figures to be printed as a footnote on every annual balance sheet for the information of shareholders?

5. In view of the fact that the Company has held for a good number of years land in Kowloon, which should have been built upon long ago, will the Directors explain the reasons which prompted them to neglect development of such land and also their reason for locking up funds of the Company by the acquisition of a site at Bowen Road overlooking the N. Y. K. quarters, which site it is understood was subsequently found most expensive for building?

6. For reason given in question No. 5 will the Directors explain to the meeting their justification in acquiring a piece of land in May Road on which it is believed they propose to erect a building instead of employing the funds proposed to be spent in a paying proposition by building up good rent-paying terraces on that valuable piece of the Company's ground between Carnarvon and Mody Roads, now used as tennis courts?

INSURANCE RESERVE FUND.

8.—Considering that the rate of insurance premia on properties in Kowloon is now reasonably low, would it not appear most businesslike on the part of the Directors to abandon the policy of the Company carrying a part of its own insurance and thereby releasing the investment in Mortgages and Loans of \$296,308.11 (which is apparently necessary at present in order to lay available the Insurance Reserve funds), thus obtaining the necessary funds with which to carry on the development of our undeveloped properties?

The Directors' attention is invited to the rate of interest earned on the investment in Mortgage and Loans—here 4.30% p.a. as per the figures in the P. & L. A/C \$12,805.15 and

further that the premium now saved does not exceed \$1,109.90 which the Company can well afford to pay.

HOUSE & OFFICE FURNITURE.

9.—In 1917 the balance was \$1,683; on 9/2/18 the amount of \$653 was written off, hence the balance now should be \$1,030, whereas the balance sheet states this asset at \$950. Without wishing to press the point, will the Directors explain how the shrinkage has occurred?

CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK \$6,351.32.

10.—In view of the heavy payments for interest which probably includes payment for interest on overdrafts occurring at any time, will the Directors state the amount of cash in hand and at Bank separately?

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT.

11.—Interest on Mortgage and Deposits, \$66,517.64.—It appears that the Company besides raising money by mortgaging the Company's properties also invests deposits at tempting rate of interest apparently 1 1/2% per cent. Can the Directors explain why the amount of deposits was not stated in the balance sheet? Is it part of the Company's business to receive deposits, and how are such deposits secured? If the deposits are included in the amount of \$905,000 shown on the balance sheet will the Directors give the figures relating to Mortgages and Deposits respectively and also inform the meeting of the average rate of interest paid under each head?

GENERAL CHARGES.

12.—In 1914, \$3,379.77; 1915, \$3,070.66; 1916, \$3,752.17; 1917, \$3,536.27; 1918, \$2,415.28. Will the Directors explain how these amounts appear each year so regularly and so uniformly, when article No. 82 already provides to the General Managers \$8,000 for the office expenses?

REMUNERATION TO GENERAL MANAGERS.

13.—Article No. 82 clearly states that the General Managers are entitled to 5% of the net profit of the year. Now 5% of \$157,338.97 (profit for 1918) would be \$7,866.84, whereas we see in the P. & L. A/C. that they were paid \$8,344.05. Please explain this. Is it possible that Directors' fees \$5,000, and remuneration to General Managers \$3,544.05 are not included as working expenses for the purpose of calculating such remuneration?

DIVISION OF PROFITS.

14.—In 1915 when the amount of rent collected was \$129,120.33 with no profit on sales of properties, the Directors thought it fit to declare a dividend of 35 cents. Now in 1918 with rent figures at \$180,702.55 (with no possibility of rental falling off for the next two years) together with a profit of \$87,098.69 on sales of properties, the Directors decide on a dividend of 60 cents only. Will the Directors explain their reasons?

REPAIRS.

15.—Picking up this item from the P. & L. A/C from 1914 I notice the following:—1914, about \$14,397.97; 1915, about \$16,116.24; 1916, about \$13,639.98; 1917, about \$15,268.17; 1918, about \$17,070.30. In five consecutive years \$76,492.66 have been spent irrespective of the amounts of rent received. Do the Directors not consider such expenditure excessive?

16. Is there really a necessity for an equalisation of Dividend Fund at present with property business so brisk and so prosperous? Should not the proposed transfer to the equalisation fund really be made to a general reserve fund in order to carry out the obvious intention of borrowing as little as possible for the payment of the dividend?

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

17.—Cannot the procedure of electing Directors at the ordinary annual general meeting of the Company be otherwise than the usual "old" custom whereby a paid servant of the Company would, as it were, force into the hands of any one of the shareholders present at the meeting (a member of his family, of course) a slip of paper with a sort of mandatory that so and so should be proposed as Director for the ensuing year, which generally leads to a permanency.

18.—Could not the Company furnish with the annual report to shareholders a list containing the names of any twenty important and large shareholders besides the names of the retiring Directors from which the shareholders may choose by ballot any five persons considered by them best suited to look after the interests of the Company?

19.—Without imputing anything to the present Board, would not such a plan be more conducive to the attainment of closer attention to the interests of the Company generally, and also solve the tendency towards "sinecures" which must necessarily obtain when selections for directorships are invariably made from a limited number of Hongkong business men who apparently form an unofficial association of directors?

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

20.—The Articles of Association of the Company being obsolete—in the light of the present law on Companies, will the Directors instruct the Company's solicitors to submit to the shareholders up-to-date articles which should contain provisions dealing with the suggestion dealt in question No. 18?

FINALLY.

21.—Do the Directors agree with me that had there been more energy, clearer foresight, better management and less over trading, the financial position of the Company would have been so improved that the market value of our shares, intrinsically worth \$12.50, would be quoted more than \$7.50, the present market value?

22.—Would it not be better finance to issue 6% debentures with interest payable half yearly for the purpose of replacing the mortgages amounting to \$965,000 which from their recurrence on the balance sheet may be now considered as a fixed liability, almost in the nature of capital, and which appears to be required as additional capital in view of the large amount invested in property?

KOWLOON.

23.—Will not the Directors seriously consider the advisability of confining the Company's operations to Kowloon, which even without going outside the Company's undeveloped properties, offers unrivalled opportunity for business and the energies of the Directors?

U. S. ADVANCES TO ALLIES.

The Treasury has announced that bills to the Allies under credits as previously established have raised the total of the Allied advances in January to \$290,250,000 and the aggregate Government expense for the month to \$1,962,350,000. From December the War Savings stamp sales amounted to \$70,986,350,000.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—Shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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MILLIONAIRE WIZARD.

LIKE THE STORY OF
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The munificent gift of \$25,000 to Oxford University by Sir Basil Zaharoff, K. B. E., for the establishment of a Chair of French, to be called "the Marshal Foch Professorship of French Literature," has again whetted public curiosity as to the identity of the man who keeps half-veiled and the individuality (which he keeps wholly veiled) of a millionaire who seems to be possessed of Aladdin's lamp, says the Daily Mail.

These are some of the inspired beneficences of Sir Basil Zaharoff: \$40,000 a month to the Greek Treasury during the Balkan War, \$20,000, in May 1911, to a fund for training young Frenchmen for the Olympic Games.

Every Greek Legation in Europe given a financial footing to make it worthy of the dignity of its country.

\$25,000 for a Chair of Aeronautics at the Paris Sorbonne.

A similar chair in the University of Petrograd.

\$25,000 for a Chair of Flying at London University.

\$100,000 to establish a radio-telegraph station at Athens for Allied propaganda.

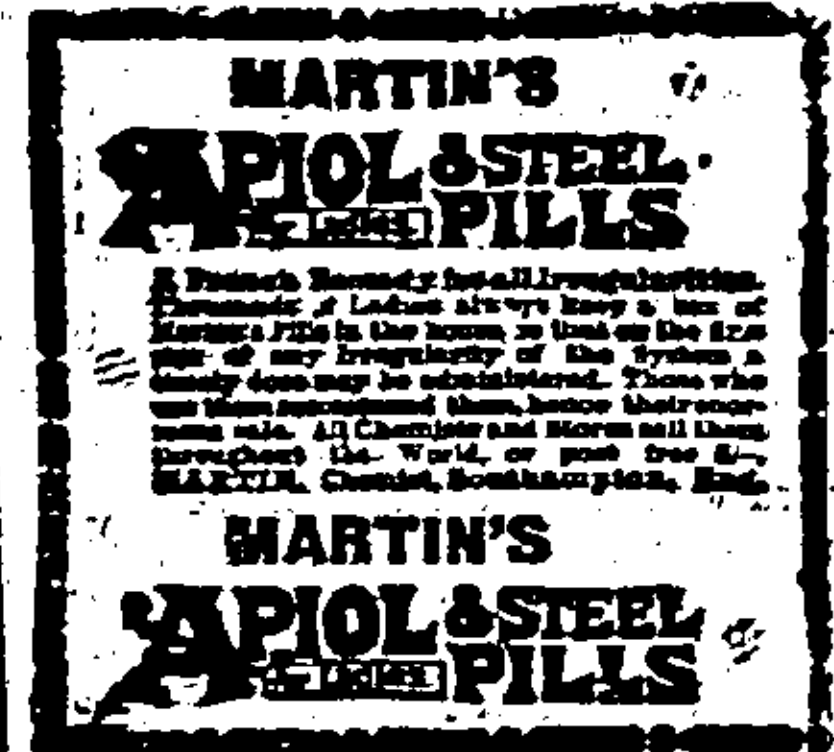
This millionaire of fiction, this plotter of magic surprises, this giver who appears from nowhere to help strikers for mental and physical culture, world improvement, and mechanical progress, and who pours gold into the lean and stunted purses of universities, is the son of a Greek mother and a Russian father who became a Greek subject. He has spent most of his life in France, with fleeting visits to chambers in Ryder Street, St. James's London. He is a bachelor of about 65 years, distinguished looking, with well-knit physique, shrewd, kindly blue-grey eyes, a talker and picks his words, and has a wide and accurate knowledge of European politics and finance. His two spinster sisters, one of whom died recently, assisted him in his charities. It is said that he is worth \$1,000,000, but the mystery and self-effacement with which he shrouds his liberality and the greatness and apparent casualness of his gifts have led to other estimates of wealth almost fabulous.

An instance of that casualness was his gift to the Sorbonne. He strolled into the university buildings and asked a porter—as one who asks the way to the library—to whom one

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should apply if one wanted to found a Chair of Aeronautics. The rector told this stranger that \$25,000 would be necessary. M. Zaharoff as he was then; he was made a Knight of the British Empire a few months ago) rubbed Aladdin's lamp under his cloak of mystery produced a cheque-book, wrote the cheque for \$25,000, and strolled out again into the streets of Paris.

NOTICE.



THE
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GENERAL NEWS.

FLYING CO-RESPONDENT.

A husband's distressing discovery in a Blackpool hotel was described in a divorce suit before Mr. Justice Coleridge recently. Captain George Llewellyn Miles, R.A.M.C., sought a dissolution of his marriage on the ground of misconduct by his wife, Ethel, with Major-General John Higgins, R.A.F. It was stated that the Captain and the Major-General were bosom friends. Last year the Captain went to Salonika, and his wife used to write that the Major-General had been over to see her. The Captain had no objection to this owing to his friendship with the Major-General. In April this year the Captain returned, and stayed with his wife at a Blackpool Hotel. She suggested that the Major-General should come and see them, and he did—on an aeroplane. One night the Captain, returning from a walk, found his wife and the Major-General in his bedroom together. He formed the opinion that his wife had been sitting on the Major-General's lap. The co-respondent's dress was disarranged. The Captain left the place and put up at another hotel close by. Later his wife wrote to him saying: "I don't know how to write this painful letter to you, but what you ask (to give up the co-respondent) is impossible. He is the one friend I have in the world, and I cannot give up seeing him." A decree nisi was granted, with costs.

OPIUM IN DUCKS' EGGS.

In Calcutta recently, a patrol of Customs Preventive officers, made a smart haul of opium at Outram Ghat and arrested a Chinaman who gave his name as Ahow. It appears that about half a dozen Chinamen, carrying fresh bazaar stuff, hailed a dinghee at Outram Ghat to carry them on board a Chinese steamer lying in the stream. An altercation took place regarding the fare and Customs Officers who were on patrol duty came along and noticed that a basket of eggs which one of the men was carrying seemed to be too heavy for its ostensible contents. The officers then examined the basket and on taking up the eggs they found that each egg was about four times its natural weight. On questioning the Chinamen as to the cause, the man said that the eggs were about to be hatched and that they were being taken on board for that purpose, as the steamer was leaving port. One of the officers then broke one of the eggs and found its contents to contain opium. It subsequently transpired that the eggs, numbering 210, had been blown and by means of a small glass tube liquid opium substituted, the holes being covered over with soft lime. The weight of the opium recovered amounted to eleven seers.

MARY PICKFORD'S SALARY.

Miss Mary Pickford, one of the stars of motion pictures, signed a contract which producers of photoplays said would yield her a yearly income exceeding the \$1,000,000 credited to Charlie Chaplin. She signed with the First National Exhibitors' Circuit of West Forty-eight street, with the understanding that she is to be her own manager and producer, choosing her plays and sharing and discharging the costs. The Circuit Corporation is controlled by thirty of the leading theatre owners of the United States. It was estimated by men of the corporation that it will cost \$1,500,000 for one year's productions of Miss Pickford's plays. She has leased studios in Southern California, where most of the pictures will be made, and it is hinted that her first play will be one now in Broadway, for which she has obtained the moving picture rights. The contract was signed by Miss Pickford and J. D. Williams, general manager of the National Exhibitors, in the Knickerbocker Hotel. The actress was accompanied by her mother.



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VICTORY BILLIONS.

In the French Chamber of Deputies, M. Klotz, Minister of Finance, announced that the results of the War Loan were not as yet completely known. Nevertheless, it could be said that up to the present moment the subscriptions amounted to £1,113,000,000.—(loud cheers)—and that the new money amounted to more than £788,000,000. M. Klotz recalled the fact that former loans had reached totals of \$600,000,000, \$440,000,000 and \$580,000,000. The number of subscribers was 7,000,000. Comparing the last French and German loans, M. Klotz stated that on an average every Frenchman had subscribed £25, whilst every German had subscribed less than £8. For the moment, he added, they could congratulate themselves unreservedly on the fact that the Liberty Loan would also be the loan of vengeance by justice, and, to be completely just, justice must be stern.

R.A.F. IN PEACE TIME.

Plans to reorganise the Royal Air Force on a peace establishment are already being prepared, and a start is being made by grading the pilots in the Service. As they now number about 20,000 it is not an easy task, but so far as can be gathered (says a Daily News correspondent) they are to be divided into three classes. Class A, which includes the "pukka" flying men—"aces" and first class instructors, whose knowledge is invaluable for the continuance of the service. Class B, which contains those who are marked down as good, capable flying men, who may be given an opportunity of remaining in the service. Class C, in which are the "fair" or indifferent flyers, probably good fighting men, but unlucky with their machines. Many men in Class B will probably secure appointments in the serial services to foreign countries which are being organised.

OUR MANILA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, February 7.

Leases of practically all of the available land on the Manila port area have been approved by the Insular Government to several large import and exporting concerns which are planning to build warehouses in the near future in preparation for the increase of commerce which is anticipated will come this way when peace is definitely restored. Buildings which will cost well over of a million pesos will be erected within a year, according to the plans. The Manila Trading and Supply Company has already started work on an automobile repair shop and a large warehouse, and the Philippine Manufacturing Co. will begin the construction soon of several large oil tanks with a system of loading ships at the piers with coconut oil directly from the tanks. Sites have also been acquired by the Pacific Commercial Company, Vicente Madrigal and Niava and Ruiz. There is a growing sentiment that a "free zone" will shortly be established in the Manila harbour district which has prompted these concerns to acquire holdings for building purposes in order to be prepared for possible trade developments of the near future.

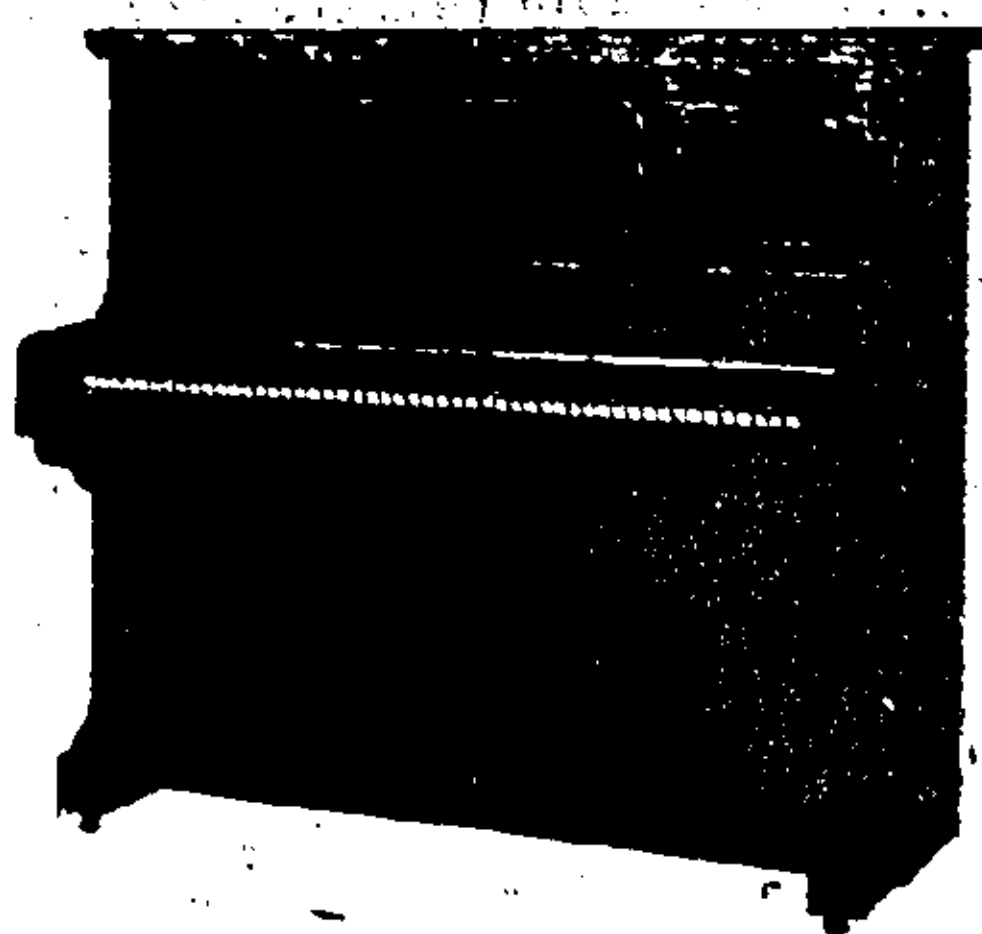
With the session of the Philippine Legislature closing this week interest among the politicians will centre on the departure of the so-called Independence Commission which will leave for the United States the latter part of the month. Word has been received from Mr. Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Mission, who is now in Washington, to make preparations for the journey, and transportation has been secured through the courtesy of the War Department on a United States Army transport. Some changes are being made in the personnel of the mission on the recommendation, it is understood, of Mr. Quezon. Emphasis is being placed on the fact that the purpose of the journey is to interest American capital in the Philippines and promote commercial relations as well as to discuss the political problems involved in possible independence for the islands. On the eve of the departure of the Mission it is interesting to note that several leading Senators have openly come out in opposition to absolute independence for the Philippines, and advocate a protectorate under the United States.

Advices from New York indicate that the hemp market, which has been sluggish and uncertain for some time, causing almost a crisis in the local trade, is active again with sales of "F" grade fibre reported at 23 cents (U.S. gold) per pound. "I" grades are quoted at from 19 to 21 cents. The recovery of the market at this time will mean that several large holdings of local capitalists will be disposed of at a profit, instead of at considerable loss as was expected at one stage in the market. The Philippine National Bank is said to be greatly interested in the situation since it has financed several large deals in hemp lately. Advices from Davao state that a low production of hemp may be expected this month on account of the drought and adverse weather conditions in January. Stripping of high grade fibre has also been discontinued in some sections on account of the slow market which has prevailed up to this time.

A Government Corporation with a capital of 50,000,000 pesos to promote the economic interests of the country and to enlarge domestic and foreign trade of the Philippines, is proposed in a Bill which is expected to pass before the Legislature adjourns. The Insular Government would own 51 per cent. of the stock and would control the Board of Directors. It is claimed that the Company would in no way be a rival competitor to existing firms but would seek to assist in the common purpose to expand the commercial activity of the Philippines. The proposed Company would extend every facility and encouragement to the producers, it is stated, and help them to secure proper markets for their goods.

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WIDOWS OF SERVICE MEN.

A GOOD SCHEME.

Among the various departments through which the Ministry of Pensions deals with the many-faceted question of the nation's debt to its fighting men is "The Widows' Training Branch" concerning itself entirely with the widows of our fallen heroes. writes a correspondent to a Home paper Recognising that in many cases the widows of Service men find it desirable to supplement their pensions by remunerative employment, which through their lack of training, they fail in obtaining, the Ministry organised a scheme for their help.

This scheme assists widows in receipt of pensions to be trained in various kinds of work. The Ministry has gone fully into the matter of occupations offering the best chances of employment to women and their suitability to the different grades of widows, for, as the Army of to-day represents all sections of society, so its widows, representing differing standards of education, can be trained for widely diversified callings. The result is quite a respectable list of occupations recommended by the Ministry to widows as offering them good openings.

Among the employments recommended are the following—home helps (which is, by the way, an excellent suggestion, training women to be capable helps for so many hours daily in homes where the mother is laid aside through illness); Gardening, cookery, dressmaking, and its allied trades, laundry work, assembling mechanical parts, &c., in piano trade (a good opening seems to offer here), hair dressing, nursing of various kinds, health visiting, sanitary inspection, infant welfare work, pharmacy, teaching, &c.

In view of the shortage of doctors, due to war casualties, there is an urgent demand for midwives. This work is particularly suitable to widows, either childless or with children old enough to look after themselves; Pharmacy, as distinct from dispensing, is an instance of the Ministry's willingness to help widows taking a long course of training, although the normal period is put at three months, and medicine itself has been adopted by some of those receiving this help.

Mr. D. M. Moffat, local representative of the Alien Property Custodian, who is leaving next week for the United States, having practically completed the disposal of all German property in the Philippines, will make a visit to Peking before leaving the Orient.

Figures prepared by the Bureau of Customs show that 324,000 tons of cargo, including imports, exports and goods in transit, were handled at Piers 3 and 5 and the customs wharf during 1918, which is a record volume of trade for the islands, being 43,000 tons larger than for 1917.

GRADE III. HUSBANDS.

BY W. HAROLD THOMSON.

The phrase is not my own. It was Marjorie who used it, and she was careful to tell me that she had thought it out for herself. "There's far, far too many of them now," she remarked. "And there's going to be heaps more unless we look out."

I am a dull dog and I put a dull question.

"Do you mean," I asked, "that with so many of our finest young men killed and so many more maimed, the husbands for a generation or so are likely to be of a low physical standard?"

Marjorie regarded me reflectively.

"I don't mean that," she returned, "although of course it's a point, and I suppose as there are so many more women than men already in this country that thousands of girls will have to be content with semi-invalids. But the Grade III. husband I had in my mind was the men whose standard of behaviour was the lowest in matrimony. And the trouble is," she added, with sudden attractive defiance, "that so very many husband are just like that."

"I don't mean wickedness, you know. I just mean that they don't play their part properly. They start off, most of them, in the highest class, and then something goes wrong and down they come with a thump to a grade of which no man could possibly be proud."

"Is that not partly the fault of you women?" I ventured to suggest.

Marjorie is a fair minded sports-woman and she considered the point carefully.

"Yes," she admitted, after a moment or two. "I think there's something in that. That is why I mean, when I get married to do everything I can to keep my husband from being reduced in his grading. I quite see that it is going to be awfully difficult for women in future, but we've got to do our best."

"What are some of the faults of the Grade III. husband?" I asked.

She counted them prettily upon her fingers.

"Selfishness," she said. "That's the biggest trouble of the lot. Irritability, stinginess, bullying, too much gaiety outside his own home, and lack of any attempt to make his wife love him more instead of less. That's a Grade III. husband, and I let you know the type!"

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"Yes," I apologised, "I must have got along to the club."

"Whom will you be meeting there?" she asked.

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THE ONLY DANGER.

Will hostilities be renewed? We had thought that such a question now was more or less ridiculous, but it seems that those at home, and more especially in France, are of a different opinion. When we read on the night of November 11, the terms of the armistice which Germany had accepted, we, one and all, considered that if the enemy were faithful to their contract, they were absolutely powerless to start hostilities again. Let us try and synopsise the terms again. The Allies demanded the evacuation of Belgium, France, Alsace-Lorraine, Luxembourg, and the west bank of the Rhine, the Allies to garrison Mainz, Coblenz, and Cologne, and to hold the strategic points in the evacuated countries. The enemy was also to surrender 5,000 guns, 30,000 machine guns, 5,000 locomotives, 150,000 waggons, 5,000 motor lorries and much other material, and, most important of all, they had to surrender the greatest part of their Navy and disarm the rest. There were many more very stringent conditions, but the above are the most important. Now, in the face of all these facts, it seemed impossible that any loophole was left open to the enemy, and though we consider that is the case still, we recognise the fact that one big condition was omitted, namely the demobilisation of the German armies within a given time.

It is this omission in the armistice terms which has given rise to the present necessity of a renewal of the armistice. If we were out to destroy militarism in Europe, it should have been our first duty to do away with that symbol of militarism, the German Army. Though there seems no reason to think that the Germans can hope to renew hostilities, there is no use shutting our eyes to the meagre possibility of such a fact, however unlikely, taking place. Germany is crippled, but it must not be forgotten that a few months ago, she was still a great and powerful Empire, with big ambitions. If, for the sake of argument, we place ourselves in Germany's present position, we will understand the possibility of 70,000,000 people making a desperate bid for greatness. How galling it must be for a once great nation like the Germans to know that they are beaten and that their future is going to be one of hardship and expiation for past crimes. When we consider all these facts, the possibility of a resumption of hostilities becomes more feasible. In any case, our beaten enemies have recently assumed an attitude not much different to that with which they were associated before the armistice. We have noticed it in the recent speeches at the German National Assembly at Weimar, and the reports concerning General von Hindenburg's formation of a big army in the East serves to give colour to the French idea that the enemy is contemplating a big coup d'etat.

And now arises the question of a renewal of the Armistice, about which there are three opinions among the Allies. The Americans favour leaving the Germans to dispose of their manpower as they choose for the present, but insist on the surrender of such proportion of war material as our military advisers think necessary. The official opinion in Britain and France is that there is no actual danger of a renewal of hostilities, but the French Press declines to believe that Germany is helpless, and demands more stringent conditions when the Armistice is renewed. We consider that the demobilisation of the German Army would be the solution of the whole question. As a matter of fact, that condition is absolutely imperative for the danger, however small, from that source, becomes daily greater when we consider the rapidity with which the armies of the Allies are being demobilised. The German Army, before they commenced that of their own. The only danger lies in the fact that, in a desire to set our soldiers back as soon as possible to civil life, we may forget the necessity of making the German demobilisation keep pace with our own.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TURKEY NOW.

It is interesting to notice how Turkey is accepting defeat. Every one in Constantinople is discussing sweeping measures of reform, but it is recognised that help can only come from the Allies. Most of the Turkish newspapers have formed an association which will submit to the Allies a memorandum of proposed reforms of the Turkish Constitution. The main points of their scheme are an invitation to the Allies to aid Turkish Government departments with a staff of civil servants of Western European nationality; the appointment of Greeks and Armenians in large numbers to administrative posts; and the disestablishment of Mohammedanism as the State religion. Some of the leading Turks are demanding the immediate punishment of those responsible for the massacres of Armenians, Greeks and Arabs, and the whole atmosphere is one of reconstruction and desire to make amends for past wrongs, at least this is what is taking place in the capital, but it must not be forgotten that complete reform is needed right through the Turkish Empire. It will be interesting to note the developments.

GOOD NEWS, IF TRUE.

It is many days now since we have heard, in connection with the deliberations in Paris, anything of the situation in Russia. Since the time when the Allies decided to invite all sections of the Russians to a conference on Prinkipo Island, there has been little to show whether anything tangible would arise out of the suggestion until now, when a cable comes to hand bearing a statement by M. Tchicherin to the effect that the Soviet Governments have responded to the proposal and are prepared to make peace with the Entente. If that declaration truly represents the situation, then it can be described as the most important and cheering piece of information which has come over the cables for many a long day. With Russia distracted, talk of world peace would be little but a hollow sham. Is it the fact now that the Russians, extremists as well as moderates, have had enough of experimental government by irresponsible mad-caps and that in their hour of helplessness they are willing to turn to any quarter which offers help? Perhaps after all the clear-cut sincerity of the Allies has made its impression even on the Bolsheviks. If so, then we may look for happy developments which will more than justify those, who in the face of much opposition and certain criticism, decided to make a direct appeal to all elements in Russian life to enter the paths of peace and good order.

HONGKONG AND PEACE.

The Government is taking time by the forelock in the matter of making preliminary arrangements for Peace celebrations and in giving early consideration to the question of a suitable war memorial. The latter subject deserves the most careful consideration of the whole community, and we trust that, as a result of the deliberations of the Committee, which is to be appointed, some scheme will be hit upon which will worthily mark the greatest period in the history of our Empire. So far as the celebrations are concerned, it is to be hoped that these also will be of a most thorough-going character. The Armistice was not marked here in anything like the elaborate way it was in Shanghai, for instance, but perhaps the Colony showed the better discretion in resolving to wait for the actual signing of peace to give a full demonstration of its joy. We should like to see included in the festivities some such magnificent general scheme of illumination as took place when King George was crowned—a display which will ever live in the memory of those who witnessed it. This and other suggestions will no doubt receive due consideration, and we wish the Committee every success in the work which will fall to it.

SAN FRANCISCO.

TO BE A FREE PORT.

The following telegram is from the Shanghai Gazette:—San Francisco, February 4.—The California State Harbour Commission has decided that beginning with April 1st all steamships of the foreign or coast trade will be given free dockage and rental in the port of San Francisco, making the port a free harbour. The trade between San Francisco and Honolulu will be considered as before off-shore trade.

DAY BY DAY.

THE FORFEITURE OF TYRANTS IS NOT THAT OF MEROY, BUT OF CONSEQUENCE.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 1-15 16d.

A non-fatal case of scarlet fever was notified yesterday. The sufferer was a Chinese.

See that all receipt stamps are cancelled. Three Chinese who forgot to do so, were fined \$10 for each stamp they failed to obliterate.

Because his family in the country had no food, a Chinese stole a bundle of clothing belonging to another Celestial. Such wit is refreshing. Nevertheless, Mr. R. E. Lindsell conferred upon him the O.B.S. (Order of the Blessed Sentence) for four weeks.

A Chinese labourer on an average earns \$9 a month. A plank of wood, that will not be worth more than one dollar, has caused one Celestial worker a monetary loss of nearly \$5, for he was to-day sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood, to 14 days' hard labour for stealing the plank from a house in Praya East.

H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir F.C.T. Tudor, who arrived from Singapore yesterday, was accompanied by his secretary, Paym. Commander F.A.F. Banbury, and Flag Lieutenant R. Fenton Livingston. He has taken up his residence at the Hongkong Hotel. Lady Tudor will shortly follow from the South.

To mark the completion of the new Medical Schools, a concert and play are to be given under the auspices of the Hongkong University Medical Society tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. The function takes place in the Great Hall of the University, and members of University Union are especially invited.

Dr. S. C. Bok, Chief of Justice of the Canton Military Government, and Mr. Liang Chik-wen, Adviser to the Chief of the Sandfields Protection troops, have left for Hongkong with the aim to interest the merchants here and secure their help to alleviate the serious rice situation in Canton.

Do Chinese males envy the style of their females' trousers? One man had to answer to a charge this morning of stealing two pairs of trousers which were hanging out. It was alleged that the fellow came along and took them away. He was seen by the lady whose trousers they were and chased. The alleged thief hid in the bushes and when he came out was arrested. The trousers were not discovered. The man said he was going along to look for a friend. "I spoke to him last year and this year I went to look for him," said the man. The Police looked and could not find the trousers, but they found that he had just come out of goal after serving for fourteen days for stealing wine. He was given six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Chinese thieves are again prowling about. Five of them went to a house in Cochrane Street on Wednesday and demanded of a Chinese woman \$100, which they said was owing to a money loan association. One of these men, who was a thwarted lover of the lady, did not waste much courtesy, and went about his work in a businesslike spirit:—"If you do not pay the money, we will beat you to death." Although a good watch was kept at the door to prevent any escape, one of the inmates succeeded in getting into the street and the police being quickly apprised the whole five were arrested. The disappointed Romeo said he had previously loaned \$100 to his Juliet for clothing and food. To support their demand, the five robbers were armed with books supposed to belong to the money-lending association. The whole thing was a clever hoax, and the men are to come up for trial soon.

ROBBIE'S LETTERS.

TO HIS NEPHEW IN AN ENGLISH HOSPITAL.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1919.

Dear Alick,

.....and, as I was saying, MacPherson, what did he have to go and do but get the flu just after we had got it all fired up to go for a motor ride in the New Territory? I had all the stopping places mapped out at the different Police Stations and had sent word along to expect us. Motoring's a dry job, you know. But that chap Mac's very careless. He's the kind o' man that would want the ceremony on the last day postponed because he'd his second-best half on and had mislaid his Sunday one. He aye reminds me of a contrary woman than anything else that I know of.

"I'm right sorry to hear it," says I to Mrs. MacPherson when I heard of his trouble, thinking of course of the sandwiches and hard-boiled eggs that we would have to eat for two days running, "and what do you think was the cause of it?" Oh, she wasna very sure—there were so many things to bring on influenza now-a-days. "That's true," says I, but thought to myself that for one thing he never got a chill from drinking out of a damp glass anyway. No, Mac's throat has passed the 32nd degree at that sort of thing and any bacteria that lives through a night's refreshment will him deserves the D. C. M. No, it couldn't have been his throat that was the cause of the sweating powders and the four 8-oz. bottles of medicine that decorated his washstand. More than likely it was because he didn't put on his overcoat some of these cold nights. You know when Mac gets dressed up at holiday time w' his wee hard hat and his white waistcoat and is a horrible toff w' cigar in his mouth (cigars are no particular who smokes them nowadays) Mac wouldn't hear tell of a coat to eclipse his appearance. Oh, a fine figure o' a man, as Mrs. Mac says, but, as I said, the man that needs eight Army blankets outside forbye the flask of Three Star Hennessy inside him at the Lowry Camp, is no just the kind o' man cut out for living stately and to gallivant about Hongkong in the winter time. Forbye, as Janet says, what else could ye expect and him w' nothing but B. D. V. next his skin the whole year through. I've often thought that if folks would reckon the cost of a few doctor's bills and porous plasters on top of the price of some of their cheap things, they would go to fewer sales, and get something more substantial, when they were at it. Believe me, Alick, a poor man canna afford to buy cheap things. Take a suit for instance. Ye buy a ready-made thing or you go to a Chinese tailor and get a chap that's maybe served his apprenticeship in jail to rig 'you out in the fashion of the year before last but one. It generally fits where it touches and the right shoulder would be fine if the tailor hadn't let his mind dwell so much on the price o' rice when he was making it. After sending it back four times and running over your Chinese vocabulary and a lot more you think of, but canna pronounce, you finally take it off his hands. That kind o' suit is all right if you wear it a few times in the dark till it gets into the shape of your body but as for going to the Kirk w' it on, except at a Watch Night Service, it's entirely out of the question. It's cheap—in dollars—but it makes such a big crack in your self-respect that it's dear at any money.

It was the same about Macpherson's glasses—the ones he puts on his nose. For years the silly man wore a pair o' specs he once bought in a watchmaker's shop in Glasgow. They were a fine pair to look at—at first—and the glass itself seemed perfectly good, the only trouble being that it was thick and this in the wrong places. The man that sold them like enough served his time as a blacksmith and his was a kind of business that supplied a glass by post on receipt of a lock of your hair and the colour of your eyes. But as Mac was probably seeing double when he

bought them, they no doubt corrected his vision at the time. Anyhow, Mac wore them for years till one night seeing him after his weekly wrestle w' the Lewson Herald I asked him if he had made any provision for his wife in after years, for if he hadn't, it was time he had started to train his dog to lead him, for at the rate he was going he would soon be blind and they hadn't got the length of printing the newspapers in raised letters yet anyway. Mac, he was, as was to be expected, quite indignant. "Man," I says, when he took off his glasses to have a good look at me, "take my advice and go and see Lazarus before it's too late; at the rate you're going at your eyes will be soon popping out of your head with the strain; they're nearly lying on your cheek at it is." I think I frightened him, or maybe it was because Mrs. Macpherson thought he'd look better like in the rum-less kind, but anyway, he went and got them changed and, I think, his ideas about cheap glasses at the same time, for Lazarus tell't him, I believe, that he had about fourteen different kinds of astigmatism.

No, as I said before, the cheapest thing is often the dearest in the long run. It's the same when you're no' feeling up to mark; five dollars to the doctor may be seems more expensive at the time than hot tea or a lemon drink before ye go to bed, but you believe me you canna get much in the way of a second class funeral, no' to speak of a headstone, for that money. As I read the other night "A rose to the living is of more avail than the sumptuous wreath to the dead." And that's true. If we threw a few more bouquets now and then to the live ones, this would be a far better world to live in.....

And so as Janet says "What's the use of being an Engineer if you canna invite your friends to the Ball?" "What for no'," says I, "excepting that I was thinking of what you would be saying about my next month's chit." Let me tell you that, in the following order of precedence, the cockboy, the tailor and my chits at the Institute are usually the main topics of Janet's conversation throughout the month, and mind ye, as I never was one to flee in the face of Providence, so to speak, I went easy w' my invites for a while. But, along w' the influenza, the last week or two has seen a rise in the one step and fox-trot, market so to speak, so I had to ladle out a few more invitations, thus helping the general rush on the poor overworked tailors of this Colony. But it's an ill wind that blows nobody good. I'm thankful to say, though, that Friday afternoon will see the close of the White Glove Hunting Season. The Dry Cleaners, if Janet is to be trusted, have done a roaring business in the conversion of moss-green glad rags (London made) into the sober black considered so necessary as the male Britishers' outward semblance of joyousness and as the shoemakers are now short of patent leather and the stores have long been drained clean of No. 10s. in pumps, many an old pair'll have to be pressed into service again. Macpherson's in a state at no' being able to go to the Ball, but as I tell't him he might be thankful, for he couldn't lose money at poker lying in his bed, anyway.

Mrs. Mac's going w' one of the paying guests (she says that it sounds more ladylike than "lodgers") who's been practising the one step on her for the last ten days. Mrs. Macpherson says she can "twinkle" fine now. Well I don't know, but I never realised before how difficult it must be for circus man to learn an elephant to side-step round a ring without its standing on its own feet. He had an advantage anyway; the beast couldn't talk back.

.....aye, but ye want to be careful for there's a difference all the same between a house and a home. That there's a very fine line to be drawn between the two things. I'll admit, but all the same, they're no' the same. Sometimes a house can be made a home by simply removing a fancy Japanese screen and an O-Cedar Mop and replacing them w' a baby and the privilege of smoking a cigar in the front

LATE MR. W. TULIP.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wilfred Tulip, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, took place last evening at Happy Valley.

The deceased was accorded full military honours, a large number of members of the Hongkong Defence Corps attending. The firing party, composed of men of the Machine-Gun Company, under the command of Sergeant D. S. Cooper, was followed by the band of 18th Infantry playing Chopins March Funere. Next came the gun carriage bearing the coffin, which was covered with the Union Jack and a profusion of floral tributes, amidst which reposed the sword and helmet of the deceased. The gun carriage was drawn by members of the Defence Corps, and behind this came the principal mourners, Messrs. G. Ramsay, Mackintosh, Barrington, Morris, Clarke, Bromwell and Scott.

When the cortege reached the cemetery Messrs. Smyth, Keith, Goodman, Howell, Stuart and Morgan carried the coffin on their shoulders to its last resting place. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie read the Burial Service, and at the close three volleys were fired over the grave and the "Last Post" sounded by buglers of the 18th Infantry.

Amongst those that followed the cortege were Messrs. R.M. Dyer, S.H. Dodwell, J. Reid, K.E. Greig, J.B. Chapman, J.W. Graham, T. Neave, R.K. Duncan, Professor C.A. Middleton-Smith, C.G. Alabaster, W.J. Tatcher, J.W. Graham, A.G. Warren, W.J. Hinton, G.E. Marley, G.H. Baker, Major D. MacDonald, Capt. G.E. Stewart, Capt. G.G. Wood, Lieut. A.E. Wright, W. Higby, L. Blackburn and Souter.

The following sent wreaths:—Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. T. Grimshaw, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pithie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Wright, Messrs. W.C. Jack, J.N.R. Allen, W.J. Ratley, J.B. Thomson, W. Percy Smith, G. Harper, W. McKay, K.E. Krieg, W.G. Bromwell, E.W. H. James, F.J. Galtion, T. Ramsay, Machine-Gun Co., H.K. D.C. Chairman and Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, Committee and members of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilding, engineering students of Hongkong University; Chinese Staff of the drawing office of the H.K. and W. Docks, members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Rt. Wor. D.G.M. and Officers of D.G. Lodge of Hongkong and South China; W.M. officers and brethren of Zealand Lodge No. 525 E.C.; W.M. and brethren of Mark Lodge 364 E.C.; W.M. officers and brethren of United Services Lodge No. 1341 E.C.; Officers of Victoria Chapter, 525 E.C.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

K. C. C. v. R. G. A.

This match is to be played at 2.15 p.m. sharp to-morrow at Kowloon. The following have been selected to represent Kowloon:—J. P. Robinson, L. J. Blackburn, D. M. Goodall, C. F. James, C. S. Stapleton, L. E. E. Hodge, H. H. Taylor, H. Overy, R. Pestonji, A. de Sousa and E. J. Edwards.

If ye canna throw your paper aside or your boots under the sofa at odd times ye may as well have a life membership at the Club. A boudoir cap may look very tricky in the pictures of course, mind ye, a lot depends on the face under it—but even a married man's love is apt to grow cold if his breakfasts are not kept warm. Aye, there's often a much difference between a house and a home as there is between having something to say and having to say something, mind ye. I'm tellin' ye. And oh, I canna forget Mrs. Macpherson and her highly powdered and lacquered hair and regards, Mrs. Macpherson.

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There are many wise Celestials that have secret hearts and transparent countenances. After all what is cunning? Francis Bacon says: "We take cunning for a sinister or crooked wisdom". And certainly there is great difference between a cunning man and a wise man; not only in point of honesty but in point of ability. The petty points of cunning are infinite, and it is good to make a list of them, for, as Bacon further remarks, "nothing doth more hurt in a State than that cunning men pass for wise."

It is due to that inquisitiveness of the Hongkong Police, the desire to poke their nose into other people's affairs and possessions that two Chinese were stopped in a nefarious game.

The facts are these—A Chinese was returning from Madan, in Netherlands India, and travelling to Singapore. At Madan, he states, he was asked to carry a bundle of books for a person. He, like a good Samaritan, condescended to deliver them and he met another Chinese on board the vessel he was travelling by and chummed up with him. They arrived in the Colony yesterday and went to the same boarding house, and after a little sight-seeing, went to the railway station at Kowloon to book their seats for Canton, from where they were to proceed to their homes. They carried with them not much luggage—just a basket full of delectable Chinese literature and a hand bag.

A Chinese constable at the railway station was cursing his luck because for some days he could not succeed in arresting any evil-doers and, seeing bulky Chinese books knocking about in a basket, tried to drown his sorrow by pouring over the novels. There were nice pictures but he was not satisfied in just glancing over them. He turned over each leaf, but although the books were thick only a few

leaves could be turned over; all the rest appeared to be gummed. He then noticed that the books were cleverly hollowed out and opium secreted in them.

This morning these Chinese were piloted into Mr. Wood's Court, and Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared to defend them. The quantity that the men tried to smuggle was 195 taels of opium. Mr. Almada, in pleading guilty on behalf of the first defendant, said there was no doubt that he was in possession of the opium. The first defendant was in Madan for three years, where he was a travelling trader. It seemed clear, said Mr. Almada, that the man did not know that the books contained opium as they were concealed in a book case. He asked his Worship to take as lenient a view of the offence as possible, also mentioning that the man was suffering from beri-beri.

Inspector Gordon said the men were returning from Singapore, and had apparently passed the Customs there. They landed at Kowloon City. They had large baskets which contained old books, the centres of which were dug out and the opium concealed. Some of the opium was also discovered concealed in a hand bag, the stuff being covered with oil paper. The first defendant claimed the luggage as his, but the second defendant had the keys. He was prepared to accept the plea of guilty on behalf of one.

Mr. Wood accordingly discharged the second defendant. Addressing the first defendant, he said: "The opium found is worth \$2,340 and the opium dross \$45. You plead guilty. I fine you \$15,000 or 12 months. For the opium dross you are fined \$200 or one month, the opium and dross to be confiscated."

SPARTACUS OF ILL-OMEN. Blackmailer, bandit and anarchist of the largest scale, such was Spartacus, the Roman and one is tempted to ask whether it was because of his black record that the extremists Socialists in Berlin named themselves after him. Spartacus was born in 100 B.C. and was in turn shepherd, gladiator, rebel and captain of free companies. He ravaged Italy from the Alps to the Adriatic until he was defeated and killed.

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GARRISON CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the semi-final of the Garrison Billiards Championship last evening, the 88th Co. R. G. A. concluded their match with the Manchester Regiment, the result being a win for the latter by 126 points. The full scores were—

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La. Co. Harvey	200
Sgt. Major Keenan	200
Sgt. Bird	200
Sgt. Allison	137
Drummer Cooper	200
Sgt. Major Goodman	200
Cpt. Good	123

88 CO. R.G.A.	
Gunn. Curtis	130
Sgt. Haskings	141
Sgt. Davies	184
Sgt. Goundry	134
Gunn. Donnellson	200
Gunn. Neven	181
Sgt. Drummond	184
C. Q. M. S. Barker	200

The 88th Co., R. G. A. and the Staff and Departments commenced their match, Gunner Gregory of the former defeating Sgt. Stone by 200 to 133.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP. Last night in the open Billiard Championship of the Colony, at the V. R. C., Mr. K. Higashide fairly easily defeated C. S. M., Pragnell, R.G.A., scoring 400 to the latter's 332. The winner played a brilliant game, making breaks of 35, 30, 28, 27, 26, 24 and 20 (twice). The loser's highest break was 26.

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The acrobatic feats by the Cottrell Brothers elicited loud applause. The somersaults in the air and other tricks were above the average of amateur acrobats. The greatest amusement was created when a little mite who did not look more than three years, came on the stage and tried to perform some somersaults.

The Gazette gave us a vivid picture of the part America played in the war.

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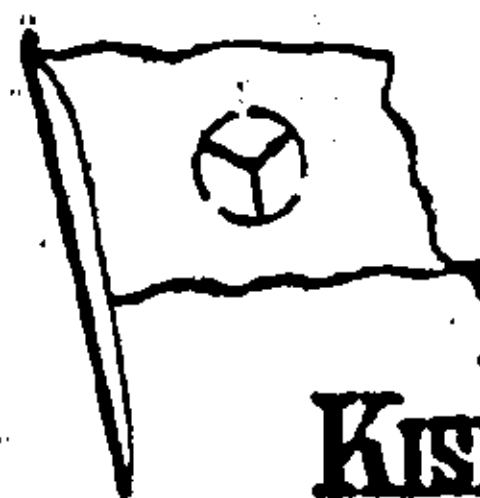
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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on February 14th 1919 by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after February 17th 1919, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO., No. 12 Ice House Street, Hongkong, February 9, 1919.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 23rd inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Cargo remaining undelivered on 11th February, 1919, at 5 P.M., will be landed at consignees' risk, and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 15th February, 1919, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognized after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into Company's Godowns, where they will be examined on 17th February 1919, at 10 A.M.

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MOVEMENTS OF
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The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at Singapore on the 9th February and is due at Hongkong on or about the 15th inst.

The R.M.S. MONTEAGLE left Vancouver for Hongkong, on the 30th Jan. and is due here on or about the 15th February.

The P. & O. s.s. DUNERA left Shanghai for this Port on the 10th inst. with the homeward English Mail, and is due here on the 15th inst.

The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from the San Francisco Office advising that the s.s. HANKING arrived at that port on Sunday, February 9, 1919.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA left Singapore for Hongkong on the 11th February, and is due at Hongkong on or about the 15th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. HEJAZ left Moka for this Port on the 15th inst. with homeward English Mail, and is due here on the 15th inst. at noon.

The Pacific Mail s.s. COLOMBIA will arrive at this Port on or about February 21st, and will sail from here February 24th inst.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The Great Northern Telegraph Company, Ltd.

Clarke, c/o American Consul, from New York.

Vaynen, England Market Middle, from Shanghai.

H. Hara, Hongkong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Yoyokhang care Sweetehong, from Amoy.

Tomyuhing, Fourteen Street, from Shanghai.

Yukingwoo, Tunglee Company Central, from Shanghai.

Drankoe, from Kobe.

Tungchungwei, 1st Class Passenger, Steamer Kwangtai, from Shanghai.

Kuohwanan, Menchun, West Street, from Shanghai.

Tantionppo c/o Tokioote, from Amoy.

Taituekhong, Winglock Street, from Shanghai.

Kirwwo, (3), from Amoy.

Kallao, from Shanghai.

Captain Monkman B.S. Shanghai, from Shanghai.

Kawaguchi, Captain Mikuni, from Kagoshima.

Yeetal, from Shanghai.

Gain, Hongkong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Soo Ching Saoukwayuen, 5/2, Shihongtsay, from Shanghai.

Tongchong, from Tokyo.

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Richard Thompson, Hongkong Hotel, from Yokohama.

T. KIMURA, Act. Superintendent, Hongkong, February 14, 1919.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong.

Forced, from Manila.

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the Military Service Ordinance 1917, dated 12. 2. 19.

TRANSFERS.
No. 473 Corporal R. B. L. Dowbiggin, "B" Company, and No. 345 Pte. A. T. Stubbs, "A" Company, are transferred to the Mounted Section, dated 11. 2. 19.

LEAVE.
Captain G. G. Wood, is granted 8 months' leave, from 20. 4. 19. Captain C. Champkin is granted 12 months' extension of leave from 23. 2. 19. Lieut. H. B. R. Hancock, "A" Company, is granted 6 months' extension of leave, from 6. 12. 18. Corpl. G. S. Archbutt, "A" Company, is granted 6 months' leave, to date



from day of departure. Corpl. D. Austin, Engineer Company, is granted 7 months' leave, from 1. 5. 19. L. Corpl. P. H. Rolfe Sig. Section, is granted 12 months' leave, from 27. 3. 19. Pte. W. L. Lamb, "B" Company, is granted 2 months' leave, from 18. 2. 19. Pte. L. C. Robinson, Sig. Sec., is granted 6 months' leave, from 18. 2. 19. Pte. J. G. Garraway, "B" Coy., is granted 7 months' leave, from 23. 4. 19. Pte. G. A. Thadall, "B" Coy., is granted 6 months' extension of leave, from 10. 2. 19. Spr. M. M. Mass, Engineer Coy., is granted 8 months' leave from 10. 3. 19. Spr. W. Weir, Engineer Coy., is granted 8 months' leave from 1. 5. 19.

The attention of all concerned is drawn to Section 7 (2) of the Military Service Ordinance 1917, which is republished for information:— "7 (2) Every member of the Hongkong Defence Corps who attains the age of fifty-five years while being a member of the said Corps shall upon attaining that age be discharged unless he elects to continue to be subject to military service.

After the honourable service they have rendered during the War the General Officer Commanding is of opinion they need have no hesitation now in availing themselves of the terms of the Act.

All men who have passed their 49th birthday will be excused all parades until further notice. N.B. Any man wishing to do Musketry can do so voluntarily. All men who have passed their 41st birthday will be required to do Musketry and the parades requisite for T.E.T. only.

ARTILLERY ORDERS.
Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V. D., state:—
Parades at Belchers Battery:—
Monday, 17th Feby.—5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full Drill.
Tuesday, 18th Feby.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. All Layers.
Friday, 21st Feby.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill.
3.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. All Layers.

ENGINEER ORDERS.
Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell state:—
Members as detailed by C. S. M. will parade at Lyceum at 6 p.m. on the 19th instant. A launch will leave Blake Pier at 5 p.m. and return after run is completed.
Officer on duty on 19th instant, Captain W. Russell.
N. C. Os and men who have not settled their accounts for Company Dinner are requested to do so early.

INFANTRY ORDERS.
Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan state:—
Sunday, 16th February.—The Infantry Battalion will parade as under at King's Park Range to fire as follows:—200 yards, (a) 5 rounds per man at 3 tiles per man in 45 seconds, (b) 15 rounds per man at a Silhouette Figure No. 3 in one minute, from command "Rapid Fire." Rifles to be loaded and 4 rounds in magazine. Firers to stand in trench as in Practices 7 of the Annual Musketry Course. The Platoon obtaining the highest percentage of hits will become holders of the Pollock Cup for one year. Dress, Drill order with pouches. Times of starting:—8 a.m. No. 6 Platoon; 8.30 a.m. M. Gun Company and Mounted Section; 9 a.m. No. 3 Platoon and Signalling Section; 9.30 a.m. "D" Company; 10 a.m. No. 4 Platoon; 10.30 a.m. No. 2 Platoon; 11 a.m. No. 5 Platoon; 11.30

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

R.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES;
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.

H. K. & S. Banks sa. \$ 790

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons b. \$ 410

North China b. 124

Uniona b. 102

Yankee b. 102

Far Eastern n. 138

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires b. \$ 170

H. K. Fires n. \$ 357

SHIPPING.

Douglases n. \$ 94

Steamboats sa. \$ 20

Indos (Pref.) b. \$ 1

Indos (Def.) b. \$ 107

Shells b. \$ 107

Ferries b. \$ 37

Brit. Burmahs b. 17

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. \$ 103

Malabons b. \$ 40

MINING.

Kallans b. 47

Langkats b. 21 sa. 22

Rauhs n. 10

Trombs n. 4

Urals n. 37

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, & C.

H. K. Wharves b. & sa. \$ 114

Kowloon Docks b. & sa. \$ 109

Shai Docks b. 131

N. Engineering b. \$ 23

A'nglo-Egypt b. 80

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals b. \$ 101

H. K. Hotels n. \$ 90

Land Invest. b. \$ 99 sa. 100

H'phreys Est. b. & sa. \$ 73

K'loon Lands b. \$ 32

L. Reclamations b. \$ 175

West Points b. \$ 99

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. 182

Kung Yiks sa. 14

Lau Kung Mows n. \$ 137

Oriental b. \$ 68

Shai Cottons sa. \$ 160

Yangtzeppos b. \$ 81

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands sa. 9

Borneos n. \$ 12

China Light & P. n. \$ 5

Providents b. \$ 8

Dairy Farms b. & sa. \$ 27

H. K. Electrics b. \$ 75

Macao Electrics b. \$ 33

Ropes n. \$ 34

Trams, Low Level b. \$ 70

Trams, Peak, old b. \$ 70

Trams, Peak, new b. cts. 70

Laundries b. \$ 80

Steel Foundries n. \$ 12

U. Waterboats b. \$ 110

Watsons b. \$ 6

Wm. Powells b. \$ 94

Wiseman's b. \$ 25

Hongkong, February 14, 1919.

a.m. No. 7 Platoon; 12 noon No. 6 Platoon; 12.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.
Tuesday, 18th February.—4.15 p.m. The following N.C.O. and men and others who have completed their T.E.T. (or are exempted from passing) and have not fired these practices, at King's Park Range, Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2:—Lieut. Corpl. F. J. Murray, Pte. W. Schofield, F. H. Smith, J. Marshall, J. M. Murray, B. Young, P. T. Rozario, R. M. Silva, G. A. Carvalho, D. Kitcher, W. B. Hind, A. K. Mackenzie, Joseph W. Taylor and H. Sykes.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONG KONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1919 at noon, when the subject of the resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the EIGHTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—
"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—
"In Article 8 the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'.
The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of Directors from four to five.

Dated the Fourteenth day of February, 1919.
By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary & Manager.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on
THURSDAY, the 20th Feb. 1919,
commencing at 12 o'clock (noon) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
1 Remington No. 10 Typewriter
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1 Underwood Typewriter
1 National Typewriter
1 Smith Standard Model No. 12 Typewriter
(All in fine condition)
On View from Tuesday, the 19th inst.
Terms: Cash on delivery.
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NOTICES.

WISEMAN, LTD.

To celebrate the opening of our new and spacious Dining Room

DINNER DANCES

will be held on
MONDAY, 17th February
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FRIDAY 21st February.

DINNER \$1.00
DANCE \$4.00

FULL STRING ORCHESTRA.

TEA DANCE

on **Wednesday, 19th February.**
Tickets for Dance 50 cents.

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The most exceptional act ever presented
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"THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO"

EPOCH 6.

"THE THREE VENGEANCES"

The Count has now his schemes well in hand and in this Epoch he begins to pay those debts justly earned by the three traitors.

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NOTICES.

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SUMMARY COURT HUMOUR.

The Friday morning conversation was more congenial than ever, to-day, and the function threatens to become of such a nature as to rival the brotherly spirit which pervaded the atmosphere of the Pickwick Club. For instance, this morning Mr. G. R. Haywood brought his dog, and Mr. Hind dispensed with that emblem of Court dignity—his gown. The President engaged in a lengthy discussion as to how "days" were to be dispensed and it was unanimously agreed that, wherever possible, cases should be postponed until after the Races.

In the meantime, Mr. Haywood, Mr. Faithful, Mr. Leo Longinotto, Mr. Hind and others engaged in a lively discussion as to the sequence of Marie Lloyd's husbands and a knotty point was settled as to the name of the first. Some litigants appeared still to be suffering from the effects of Chinese New Year, for Mr. Hall asked for an adjournment owing to the fact that his client had not yet returned from Canton. Mr. Davidson, for the plaintiff, said he had very strong objections to a further adjournment, and suggested that the defendant was absenting himself on purpose. He went further, and suggested that if the adjournment were granted the defendant would be "laughing at the Court". That settled it, and Mr. Hall did not get his adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at about 11 a.m., the most noticeable feature of the leave-taking being Mr. Haywood walking out, with an air of great dignity, followed by his dog.

MARINE COURT.

LARCENY OF COAL.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before Commander Beckwith, R.N., Marine Magistrate, Chan Tai and Wong Chun, masters of licensed boats were charged with throwing a quantity of coal, believed to have been unlawfully obtained, into the waters of the Harbour, with the object of preventing seizure and discovery, the coal being part of the cargo of the s.s. Koyei Maru.

The accused pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Bond stated that on February 14 he was on duty in the Harbour, on patrol work, when he saw the defendants' sampan leave the Koyei Maru, which was discharging coal into a barge. He called upon the defendants to stop, but they refused to comply. He followed them and fired a round from his revolver, whereupon the defendants upset the boat and swam to a junk, where they were subsequently found, hiding in the bilges of the junk. The sampan was three-quarters full of coal when witness first saw it.

The accused stated they became frightened when the shot was fired and jumped to one side of the boat which capsized it.

His Worship found both accused guilty and inflicted a fine of \$25 each.

The fines were paid.

REPATRIATION OF GERMANS.

Recent reports state that German merchants and missionaries now resident in Canton total over twenty persons, besides four sailors from the gun-boat Tsingtau. The Provincial Authorities have decided to repatriate all the Germans during this month. The method of repatriation will be the same as carried out in other provinces so as to be uniform throughout the country.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

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Dress Drill order with pouches. Officer in Charge, Lieut. O. H. Blason. Two N. C. Os. from No. 2 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Friday, 21st February.—5.15 p.m. As for Tuesday, 18th instant. Officer in Charge, Lieut. Thomas. Two N.C.O.s from No. 8 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

"D" COMPANY.
N. C. Os. and men over 46 years of age who wish to fire their Musketry Course are asked to send their names to the O. C. Company.

Mounted Section.
Monday, 17th February.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables, Dress Drill, order.

Cadet Orders.
Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard, state:—

Parade.—Reference Order dated 7.2.19. The Parade ordered for Saturday, 15th February at Headquarters is cancelled—the Competition for the Ralph's Cup at Kennedy Road at 3.30 p.m. will take place as stated.

Monday, 17th Feb.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 & 2 sections at Headquarters. Band Practice at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 19th Feb.—3 p.m. 16 Cadets as detailed fall in outside City Hall Hongkong.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE

14th, 15th, & 16th. February
9.15 P.M.

American Gazette No. 24.

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VESSELS ARRIVED.

February 14.

Cha. g. Chow, 1305, Br. C. pt. Miao.

Bangkok, B. & S.—Mooring—C 41.

Kaiping, 177, Fr. Capt. Fannier, Hai-

phong, Sing Kee.—Mooring—C 45.

Verdon, 174, F.—Capt. Nicolai, Hai-

phong, Sing Kee.—Mooring—C 42.

Vulcania, 77, Dutch, Capt. de Bruin,

Plajo, A. P. Co.—Mooring—Wharf.

Hanol, 739, Fr. C. pt. Morvar, Hai-

phong, Lapicque & Co.—Mooring—A 6.

Indus Maru, 175, Jap. Capt. Koriwara,

Kobe, O. B. K.—Mooring—K. Wharf.

Daitoku Ma, 735, Jap. Capt. Hamada,

Canton, Y. Pato & Co.—Mooring—C 40.

Bumatra Maru, 1267, Jap. Capt. Uyeda,

Kobe, O. B. K.—Mooring—K. Wharf.

So-sachi Maru, 1235, Jap. Capt. Noda,

Hiohio, Carroll Bros.—Mooring—B 17.

Myte, 1293, Ch. Capt. Major, Shanghai,

Moller & Co.—Mooring—A 31.

VESSELS DEPARTED.

Nam Wan for Quinhon
Kok Sang for Hai-phong via Hoihow
Yu-tai for Tamsui via Amoy
Korei Maru for Keelung
W. L. for San Francisco via Nagasaki
We Sun for Kwong Chow Wan
Drifter for Fangk & Y. Swatow
Koyo Maru for Keelung
Hoi Hong for Foochow via Swatow
Yuen Sang for Macao
Quinn for Bombay via Singapore

POST OFFICE.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

OUTWARD MAILS:

TO-MORROW.

Shanghai and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America & Europe via San Francisco—Per TENYO MARU, 15th Feb., Registration 9.45 a.m. Leaves 11.00 a.m.

Shanghai and N. China—Per CHENAN, 15th Feb., 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 16th February.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA M., 16th Feb., 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 21st February.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 20th Feb., 11 a.m.

We-hai-wei and Chefoo—Per HUIHOW, 20th Feb., 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 22nd February.

Shanghai & N. China—Per YINGCHOW, 22nd Feb., 2 p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

From 9th Feb. to 15th Feb.

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WEATHER REPORT.

February 14th, 15th, 16th.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. The sun has decreased moderately at Weihaiwei, and slightly over Indo-China; it has increased slightly to moderately elsewhere.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 1.34 inches against an average of 2.14 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

Hongkong to Gap Road N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

Formosa Channel N. winds, fresh.

South coast of China between H.K. and Lamoo N.E. winds, fresh.

South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan N.E. winds, fresh.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 14, 1919.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Reviews

Day On date On date

at 9 a.m. at 9 a.m. at 9 a.m.

Barometer 30.10 30.15 30.15

Temperature 61 54 61

Humidity 83 71 73

Wind Direction W.N.W. N.N.E. E.

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